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Washington State Law Library's quarterly e-newsletter

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A Brief History of the Washington State Law Library

The Washington State Law Library traces its roots back to the Washington Territorial Library, established by the Organic Act of 1853. It initially occupied the Territorial Capitol Building, which stood near the present-day Legislative Building from 1856 until it became the Washington State Library.

In 1890, the Legislature and the State Library moved to the McKenny Building at Fourth and Main (Capitol Way), which the State leased for use as its capitol until 1890. When it outgrew this building, the State purchased the building on the corner of Washington and Legion Way, which was originally built as the Thurston County Courthouse. The State occupied this building from 1901 to 1928. In the meantime, construction had started on a permanent Capitol complex. In 1913 the State Library, including the Law Department, moved into the spacious Temple of Justice, the first building of the complex to be completed.

In 1959, the Washington State Law Library split from the Washington State Library when the Legislature transferred jurisdiction to the judicial branch of state government. Also at this time, the State Library moved to its new home in the Washington State Library Building (later renamed the Pritchard Library Building) while the State Law Library has continued to occupy the Temple of Justice.

The First State Legislature, 1889-1890, charged the newly appointed State Librarian, Philip D. Moore, "to make a complete catalogue of all books in said library, to be completed in manuscript before January 1, 1891." The resulting publication, divided into two main parts – Law Department and General Department – is currently on display in our Main Reading Room display case. Along with a this catalog, you will also find a few books we still hold in our collection today as well as pictures of the various buildings the Law Library has occupied over the years. We hope you take a moment to come visit us and see our new display.

Jan/Feb 2009 Selections from Books Recently Cataloged

Thomas Lee Hazen, Treatise on the Law of Securities Regulation, West, c2009.
KF1439 .H39 2009.

Lewis Kruger et al, Understanding the Basics of Business Bankruptcy & Reorganization, 2008, Practising Law Institute, c2008.
KF1524.3 .B272 2008.

The Prosecutorial Ethic: A Tribute to King County Prosecutor Norm Meling, Washington Law School Foundation, Conferences and Continuing Education, c2008.
KF9640 .P76 2008.

Land Use 2008: Dividing the Light from the Darkness, Washington Law School Foundation, c2008.
KF5692.L4 2008.

Barbara S. Magill and Dale McGeehon, Guide to the Final FMLA Revised Regulations, Thompson, c2008.
KF3531 .S871 2008.

American Indian Law Deskbook, University Press of Colorado, 2008.
KF8205 .A76 2008

Jayne E. Zanglein and Susan J. Stabile, Erisa Litigation, Bureau of National Affairs, c2008.
KF3512 .Z36 2008.

Electronic Crimes Scene Investigation: a Guide to First Responders, National Institute of Justice, [2008].
HV8073.5 .E44 2008.

Kavass's Current Treaty Index, W.S. Hein & Co., 2008-
JX236 .U55 2008.

**For additional Jan/Feb selections see:
<http://lawlib.courts.wa.gov/screens/brc.html>**

Resources on the Washington Courts Website

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/>

Current Events and new opinions

http://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/

Informative lists of SCT, Court of Appeals, and Trial Court, Administrative Office of the Courts. Includes briefs, biographies and general information

http://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/coaBriefs/index.cfm?fa=coaBriefs.ScHome&courtId=A08

Supreme Court Briefs

http://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/coaBriefs/index.cfm?fa=coaBriefs.Div2Home&courtId=A02

Division II Briefs

http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs

Court Programs and Organizations

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo/index.cfm?fa=newsinfo.displayContent&theFile=content/ResourcesPublicReports>

Resources, Publications, and Reports

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo/>

Press Releases, E-Clips service, Public Records, Reports and Studies, SCT Task Force on Civil Equal Justice, Resources, Pattern Jury Instructions, Special Reports, and Informational Brochures.

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.contentDisplay&location=PatternJuryInstructions>

Washington Pattern Jury Instructions

http://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/supreme/?fa=atc_supreme.style

Office of Reporter of Decisions Style Sheet (new changes as of 19 Feb 2009)

<http://dw.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.home>

Search for a Washington Case by name, case number or business name. Find your court date and Attorney's Search

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/library>

Washington State Law Library's main page including our "Ask a Librarian" CHAT, topic brochures, reference assistance and photocopy requests.

https://aoc.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/aoc.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php

Administrative Court of Appeals - Find Answers

Other News:

Legacy Project

The Secretary of State's Legacy Project has published oral histories of persons who shaped Washington's history. Justices Charles Z. Smith, Krist Novoselic, Adele Ferguson and Carolyn Dimmick flavor our present and most recent past. Others such as James M. Dolliver, Joel Pritchard, Ray Moore, Bob Goldsworthy and Thomas L. Copeland permeate our past. See the histories at:

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/legacyproject/> and

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/oralhistory/histories.aspx>

Enjoy Sid Snyder's Capitol Stories at:

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/legacyproject/SnyderStories.aspx>

Hein Online

HeinOnline, a subscription service, digitally collects legal resources including legal periodicals. We are currently adding HeinOnline periodical holdings to our catalog GEORGE to better reflect our resources. As we add more digital resources these will become more available electronically. As a service to you, we can provide digital copies to your email address.

For additional information on HeinOnline holdings, please see:

<http://www.heinonline.org>

This and That

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/freelowcost.cfm> Free & Low Cost Legal Research

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/treatisefinder.cfm>

Georgetown Law Library Treatise Finder

(Note: if the Law Library doesn't have a particular treatise in our collection, we can locate it for you.)

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Hours: 8 am-5 pm, M-F

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